

Dear Dr. Michael Friedman,

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My name is Andrew Bisset and I'm writing to you in regard of genetically engineered foods.

I am sixteen years old and live in Northern Virginia. I may still be a teenager but I am very unhappy with the state of the FDA at this time. I have researched a bit on genetically engineered foods and feel very strongly about them. Now most kids my age aren't too concerned with health. But I am not too alike with other kids. What's important to me is I'm still young and the actions you and all other adult figures make, WILL affect my future. Now I understand that science is trying desperately to achieve perfection. I also know that there is good intention behind genetic engineering.

But because of my strong spiritual beliefs and love for health I want nothing to do with food of this kind. I'm sure you've heard millions preach about the harms and negatives GEF's bring, therefore I think it's a waste of paper to regurgitate what's already been expressed. But I do need to tell you this: I believe that GEF's should be labeled. I think as the Lead Deputy Commissioner of the FDA it is your sole responsibility to help shape my and many others' future in a positive way. By requiring ~~the~~ food companies to label foods

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processed through genetic engineering you are letting consumers make the choice. America is founded on freedom, so why don't you take steps towards giving consumers more freedom? I think health is a very intimate and personal issue. Thus, by following through with this those who hold health so highly in their life, like I do, can finally choose. Choose, and know you are getting a totally organic piece of food. I must say that there are a lot of angry consumers out there. I mean, Mr. Friedman, wouldn't you be angry if your freedom was denied? I hope you will take into consideration my thoughts. I'd like to have my kids raised in a country that's really free. I hope you can help this to come true.

With Love,

Andrew Bisset

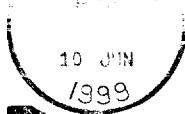
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